(*c*) The Diwan Peishkar was under the impression that the Tahsildars did their duty.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 29th Edavam 1117, Rs. 1,690 to 60 persons at Chundal. 30th Edavam 1117, Rs. 300 to 7 persons at Palanji.

(*f*) At Chundal, the Special Loan Revenue Inspector. At Palanji, the Revenue Inspector, Kunnamkulam firka.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) A complaint was received that the Tahsildar drew T. A. without going to the places concerned.

(*j*) Yes; on 16th Mithunam 1117.

(*k*) The Diwan Peishkar has no information.

(*l*) * Extracts are placed on the Council table.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)* : Who is that Tahsildar ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Mr. G. Krishna Ayyar.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : When was the complaint received ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : On the 27th June 1942 or 11th Mithunam 1117.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know whether investigations were made with regard to that complaint. I presume that it is to the Diwan Peishkar that the complaint was made.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Yes. I got the thing on 11th Mithunam 1117 and I sent it to the office. When the question was received I made enquiries. I found that no action has been taken by the office. I called for the explanation and this is the reply that I got from the office in the form of a note. "This was misplaced and was received in section A1 on 19th Kumbham 1117 and no action was taken on this anonymous letter." It is not an anonymous letter. It is signed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know, Sir, whether the Diwan Peishkar has condoned his action in the matter ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : How it happened is like this. Probably he may have received some information that such a petition was presented to me and I found that two or three days afterwards that he sent a report saying that "I have wrongly claimed this T. A. The mistake was done by the office. The clerk simply wrote the bill on referring to the tour diary".

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)* : Is it not possible that a tour programme might have been drawn up for travelling and owing to circumstances he omitted to go and the clerk without knowing that and without any intentional malpractice drew it up ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The rule is at the beginning of the month he must draw up a tour programme and submit it to the Diwan Peishkar so that he may know at what places he would be found. The clerk probably looking into that drew up, the Bill and then he drew the amount. On that particular date he was called for some war work and he went to that place, but he omitted to notice that when he signed the bill.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : He said.—

"29th Edavam 1117—Vadakkancheri to Choondal and back—Relief loan payment—Distance travelled by road entitling to daily allowance 24 miles.

30th Edavam 1117—Vadakkancheri to Palanji and back—Relief loan payment—Distance travelled by road entitled to daily allowance. 36 miles."

This is the extract from the diary as well as the T. A. Bill.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The clerk thought that in accordance with the original programme he went to those places.

Mr. President : I may inform the House that this has come to my notice and I will look into the matter thoroughly.

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE—PENALTY FOR

102. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)* : Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a rule in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, by which the penalty for a student's absence without leave is fixed as the loss of attendance for two days ? And if the answer is in the affirmative will Government kindly state whether the rule obtains in the Colleges of the Madras City, and the Colleges in Trichinopoly ?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Yes. The rule relating to the penalty for a student's absence as regards the Colleges in the Madras City and in Trichinopoly is noted in the statement appended *(Appendix IV)* against the respective colleges with the exception of Holy Cross College, Trichinopoly, information about which has not been received yet in spite of a reminder.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether the Government consider the advisability of introducing the system that is in vogue in the Presidency College, Madras, instead of the present system of the students losing two days for everyday's absence?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I would like to answer. The Hon'ble Member suggests that the practice in vogue in the Presidency College namely "each day's absence without leave will be counted as two, or will render the student liable to a fine, at the option of the Principal." I do not know how it improves the matter. I do not think Government have any objection to that. They stand to gain.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: We are not on the financial standpoint at all.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I do not know how it is an improvement.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: I do not know how it is not an improvement. If a student absents himself without leave, he will have to lose two days' attendance for every day's absence and if he absents himself for a number of days, he will be minus at the end of the year; whereas if he pays the fine, he will get the advantage of the attendance.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Hon'ble Member must realise that this fine is at the option of the Principal.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Is it the case of the Hon'ble Member that this option will always be exercised against the student.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I dont't say that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will it not be sufficient to fine instead of making the students lose their attendance.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I thought the House would resent the imposition of a fine on the students. After all he can afford to lose 30 days.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Is the option left to the candidate?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: No. It is left to the Principal.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Has there been instances of these students losing their attendance and thereby unable to sit for the examinations by the operation of this rule?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: There have been cases where students have not been able to sit for the examinations for shortage of attendance. Whether this shortage of attendance occurred in this way or not I do not know.

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: All these details are furnished to the University when applications for exemption are forwarded to them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether by the operation of this rule any student was short of attendance and he was not able to sit at the examination.

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: In the nature of things there will be such cases.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Hon'ble Member in future kindly see that the forfeiture clause is not applied?

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: It is one of the rules laid down in the College calendar and it is also one of the rules in the Education Code.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: That is why we are examining the rules as to how it operates.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: After all, is it not for the betterment of the students?

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: Yes. It has got a very salutary effect.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)*: It has been stated that in the Loyola College, Madras, the penalty for unauthorised absence is always a fine and other forms of warning. Very rarely "are the students deprived of further attendance and this is never done if thereby their minimum term days are jeopardised."

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: As against the Loyola College, I might mention the practice in the Presidency College to which reference has already been made the Pachaiyappa's College and the Christian College. In the Pachaiyappa's College, loss of two days' attendance for one day's absence without leave. In the Presidency College each day's absence without leave will be counted as two. In the Madras Christian College, each day's absence is treated as two days.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: What about the Women's College ?

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: No penalty fixed.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: So, women are better than men in one way.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: In the National College, Trichinopoly, it is only a fine. Here the students are to lose two days for one day's absence.

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: It is on the recommendation of the Principal in accordance with the practice that the University allows the exemption or refuses it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: It is only when shortage occurs that the matter goes to the University.

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: Yes it is so.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Let us prevent the shortage occurring by the operation of this rule. That is the point, we are driving at.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: As the Hon'ble Members will see from the Appendix there is no uniform practice. The Head of the institution must have a certain amount of discretion and the main object of this to deter students from absenting themselves. The number of holidays per year is so enormous and it is meant for those students who are coming in and going as they like. If the Hon'ble Members think that the practice followed in the Presidency College, a premier institution in the Presidency can be inserted in the place of these rules Government have absolutely no objection.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)*: In the St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, it is very fair. A student who absents himself without leave loses one day, and if he does not justify his absence to the Vice-Principal, he is fined annas 2. We have no objection to adopt that rule.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: We have no objection.

PEONS AND MENIALS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

103. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of menials including temporary hands in the Public Works Department;

(*b*) the number of Arayans, if any;

(*c*) the number of Valans, if any?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) 270.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) 5.

104. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to give a list of the names of peons and other menial staff in the P. W. D. according to the communities defined for Staff Selection purposes ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: *A list is placed on the Council table.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Sir, from a perusal of the list it seems that out of 270 appointments made, 102 goes to the Nayars, about 45 or something like that to the Ezhuvas and about 22 or so to the Romo-Syrians, about 7 or 8 to Latin Catholics and so on.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: And for Brahmins ?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: You do not go for menial services. It has been the policy of the Government as far as possible to see that the appointments in the menial services will be made on the basis of the rules laid down for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board. In view of the fact that there is so much excess number of appointments for certain communities will the Government kindly see that the claims of other communities are not overlooked, not only that, they are also allowed to keep pace with the communities. Besides I would request the Government to have the number at least published. I don't want other details.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The officers whose names are given in the list had been appointed long before the Staff Selection Board came into operation. Many of these are still in service, some of them are over 65 years, some of them 60 all superannuated men. It is only lately that the Government passed an order that persons above 60 will be retired and many of them are going to be retired. According to this list, there are about 102 Nayars, 50 Christians of all categories, 13 Muslims, other Hindus, Ambalavasis, and others, and it is a fairly representative list. In the appointments which we are now making, we specially see that we make the appointments only in consonance with the rules of the Staff Selection Board.

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on the 29th and the 30th. This deviation was noted in the copy of the rotation list kept by me for purposes of reference.

Under urgent instructions from the War Publicity Officer, I had to go to Trichur on 27th Edavam 1117. On that day, I had to perform an anniversary. It was not therefore possible for me to attend to the papers received by me from the Taluk on the evening of the 26th, since it was my intention to attend to the papers of the 26th on the afternoon of the 27th. It was late when I returned on the 27th. Very early in the morning of 28th Edavam 1117, I had to go to Kunnamkulam, Palanji and Kattakampal and convene meetings of prominent gentlemen of the locality to arrange for a presentation of a purse when the Diwan camped at Kunnamkulam. It was fast 10 O' clock at night when I returned on 28th Edavam 1117. The accumulation of papers received from the Taluk on the evening of the 26th, 27th and the 28th was so great that I thought it more prudent to attend to them on the 29th, especially since there were many urgent papers among them. I, therefore, asked the Special Revenue Inspector to disburse the loans from Camp Choondal on 29th Edavam 1117 so that the villagers may not go disappointed. On 30th Edavam 1117, there was very urgent work to be attended to in the Taluk office. There were only two or three cases of loan to be disbursed from Camp Kattakampal on 30th Edavam 1117. This work was therefore entrusted to the Revenue Inspector, Kunnamkulam.

The Diary for the month of Edavam was written up with reference to the rotation list and the deviations noted in the copy kept by me on the night of 32nd Edavam 1117. The T. A. claimed for these two days has been refunded.

I beg to add further that on 25th Edavam 1117 I had been to Palayannur to check and sign the village accounts after the inspection of the records by the Taluk clerks in connection with the Jamabandi. As stated above, the journey performed on 28th Edavam 1117 was to Kunnamkulam, Palanji and Kattakampal for which I am entitled to claim mileage. By a mistake again the journey to Palayannur on 25th Edavam 1117 was omitted to be noted in the diary. The journey to Palanji and Kattakampal via Kunnamkulam on 28th Edavam 1117 was inadvertently noted as one performed from Vadakkancheri to Palayannur.

I regret very much the mistakes made.

(4) Name of remitter.—Tahsildar of Talappalli

On what account: T. A. claimed by mistake on 29th & 30th Edavam 1117. Refunded Amount Rs. 4.
Chalan No. 281 dated 16th Mithunam 1117 of Talappalli Treasury.

APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to Question No. 102)

Serial No.	Name of College	Penalty fixed for absence without leave
1	Women's Christian College, Madras	No penalty fixed
2	Pachaiyappa's College, Madras	Loss of two days' attendance for one day absence.
3	The Presidency College, Madras	Each day's absence without leave will be counted as two, or will render the student liable to a fine, at the option of the Principal.
4	Queen Mary's College, Madras	If a student does not apply for leave a fine of 2 annas per day is levied until the leave application slip is presented.
5	Government Muhammadan College, Madras	Usually a student who absents without leave loses two days' attendance. The Principal has the power to levy a fine as a substitute for this penalty. Usually this fine is not more than 8 annas per day.

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6	Loyola College, Madras	The penalty for unauthorised absence is always a fine and other forms of warning. Very rarely are the students deprived of further attendance and this is never done if thereby their minimum term days are jeopardised.
7	The Madras Christian College, Tambaram	Each day's absence is treated as two days.
8	St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly	A student absent without leave loses one term day, and if he does not justify his absence to the Vice Principal, he is fined annas 2.
9	National College, Trichinopoly	The penalty for a student absenting himself without leave for one day or half a day is a fine of 2 annas, but 8 annas for absence on the first working day of a term.

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APPENDIX V

(Please see answer to question No. 104)

	Name	*Community*	*Designation*	*Remarks*
1	P. Govindan Nayar	Nayar	Daffadar	
2	K. Gopalan Nayar	do.	Peon	
3	P. M. Narayanan Nayar	do.	do.	
4	M. Achyutan Nayar	do.	do.	
5	P. Govindan Nayar	do.	do.	
6	P. Kunjikrishnan Nayar	do.	Watchman	
7	A. Raman Nayar	do.	do.	(Officiating)
8	K. Kunjunni Nayar	do.	Peon, Mechanical Assistant Engineer's Office	
9	K. Pappu Nayar	do.	do.	
10	M. Govindan Nayar	do.	do.	
11	E. Raman Menon	do.	Cleaner, Head works	
12	K. Rama Panicker	do.	do.	
13	Kom. Krishnan Nayar	do.	do.	
14	V. Sankunni Nayar	do.	Watchman, Head works	
15	P. Sankunni Nayar	do.	Cleaner do.	
16	V. Krishnankutti Nayar	do.	Watchman, Hill Palace Pump House	
17	K. Kunjunni Nayar	do.	Additional turnkey	(Temporary)
18	M. Achyutan Nayar	do.	Watchman, Vellarapilli Lift Irrigation	(do.)
19	P. Kunjukrishnan Nayar	do.	do. Chellanam Water Works	
20	P. Velayudhan Nayar	do.	Cleaner, Ramavarmapuram Water Works	(do.)
21	K. Madhava Menon	do.	Watchman do.	
22	C. V. Narayanan Nayar	do.	Cleaner, Thiruvilluamala Water works	
23	M. Krishnankutti Nayar	do.	Watchman do.	
24	K. Sekhara Menon	do.	Watchman, N. P. House	(Officiating)
25	P. Kunju Nayar	do.	Cleaner, Aylore Water Works	
26	K. Velayudhan Nayar	do.	Watchman do.	